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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nobuhiko NAKASHIMA et al.

Application No.: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 20, 2002

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Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: A NOVEL HIGHER-ORDER STRUCTURE WITH PROMOTING TRANSLATION ACTIVITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 20, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended parts of the specification as indicated in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended specification with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

On page 17, paragraph beginning on line 19 and ending on line 16 of page 18.

The amplification of the mutant fragments was carried out using synthesized DNA primers containing mutation sequences and a high fidelity DNA polymerase (KOD Dash, Toyobo Co., Japan), and the amplified fragments were purified by the agarose electrophoresis,